AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for application of liquid sample on a membrane, comprising:

a reservoir having an open end and an end opposite the open end having a capillary opening, wherein the open end is adapted to receive liquid samples;

a frame for securing the membrane for application of the liquid samples; and

a reservoir-rack for positioning said reservoir above the membrane surface such that the capillary opening of the reservoir touches and contacts the membrane,

wherein said reservoir-rack has an asymmetrical pattern of positions into which the reservoir can be placed.

2. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein the reservoir is provided as an assembly of a plurality of the reservoirs.

3. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein said reservoir-rack has asymmetrically located ~~have~~ through-holes for positioning the reservoir in the reservoir-rack .

4. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein the reservoir-rack consists of positions for at least 96 individual reservoirs.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1 [[5]] wherein said reservoir-rack is provided with a means to position the reservoir-rack by at least two alternative ways producing two alternative footprints and point of contacts on the membrane below for each reservoir position on the reservoir-rack.

7. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1 [[5]] wherein said reservoir-rack is provided with a means to position the reservoir-rack by at least four alternative ways producing four alternative footprints and point of contacts on the membrane below for each reservoir position on the reservoir-rack.

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 4 wherein the positions in said reservoir-rack are [[is]] arranged in a grid pattern such that it allows positioning of the reservoirs in columns and rows compatible with the application heads of multi-sample pipetting devices common in the field and industry, (i.e. multi-channel pipetors).

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the frame is provided with a means to secure the membrane in the frame-means and position the membrane opposite the reservoir-rack.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the capillary

opening of the reservoir is a micro-bore opening protruding as a capillary tip from the main body of the reservoir.

12. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein the capillary opening of the reservoir has opening orifice narrow enough to prevent the free flow of the liquid samples out of the reservoir under the force of gravity.

13. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein the open end of the reservoir is such that liquid samples may by loaded into the reservoir through the open end.

14. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein the capillary opening of the reservoir allows flow of the liquid sample from the reservoir into the membrane by capillary action.

15. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein the capillary opening of the reservoir allow flow of the liquid sample from the reservoir into the membrane by centrifugal action.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the capillary opening of the reservoir may be used for taking aliquots of liquid sample using a liquid sampling pipetor placed into the open end.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1 wherein the capillary opening of the reservoir is a micro-bore opening.

19. (Currently Amended) A device for application of liquid sample on a membrane, comprising:

a reservoir having an open end and an end opposite the open end having a capillary opening, wherein the open end is adapted to receive liquid samples and/or liquid pipetting devices for aliquoting the liquid sample through the capillary opening;

a frame for securing the membrane for application of the liquid samples; and a reservoir-rack for positioning said reservoir above the membrane surface such that the capillary opening of the reservoir touches and contacts the membrane,

wherein said reservoir-rack has an asymmetrical pattern of positions into which the reservoir can be placed.